

# RIVER THREATENS SOGGY DIKES

**In The Day's News**

BY FRANK JENKINS  
 THIS morning's dispatches tell us that both Jews and Arabs have accepted unconditionally the United Nations proposal for a truce to start tomorrow.

Let's all hope it's true—that the truce starts and that it STICKS. This Palestine business is a powder keg that could blow up the world.

Keep your fingers crossed and pray. If common sense wins in Palestine, it might win elsewhere.

THERE is another interesting note in the news.

A Moscow dispatch says Russia is READY TO INCREASE ECONOMIC AID TO NATIONS THAT HAVE FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH HER. As a starter (according to Pravda and Ivestia, official government newspapers) reparations due to Russia from Finland, Romania and Hungary are to be reduced by half.

The reduction is hailed by the newspapers (which say what the Kremlin tells them to say) as "a far-reaching diplomatic move."

IN the same edition, Ivestia denounces American aid in Europe (the Marshall plan) as a "mask for economic subjugation." Don't let that fool you. Ivestia is just saying face for Moscow. If Russia starts HELPING the countries on her side of the fence, she'll be imitating our Marshall plan.

Imitation is the sincerest flattery.

IVESTIA doesn't stop there.

It adds that Russia is now out to CATCH UP WITH THE UNITED STATES IN PER CAPITA PRODUCTION. Thus she hopes to surpass America in total production because her population is larger than ours.

That is something for us to think about. We will hold world supremacy only as long as we can produce more than anybody else. If we're smart, we'll quit waving wands and go to work. Wand-waving is a graceful and pleasing exercise, but it produces few things to eat and wear and shelter ourselves with—not to mention things to shoot with if we have to shoot.

SPEAKING of aid to people on our side of the fence (which Russia seems to think is good enough to copy), Senator Vandenberg says in Washington this morning that the recent house cut in foreign aid funds is a "cynical reversal" of American foreign policy, done through the back door and with "meat axe technique."

What we must do, if we're to hold respect throughout the world, is to finish what we start. The house action amounts to winking on something we've started.

Nobody respects a winker.

THE cynical part of it is that the house doesn't care a hoot about the cut it has made. It will cheerfully spend twice that much if it can find some sure-fire scheme to get votes by spending.

What it wants in this election year is to enable its members to go home and say virtuously to the voters that they tried to save the people's money but the senate wouldn't stand for it.

That's the kind of politics we need to get rid of. The tragic part of it is that the bulk of our people are sick and weary of this kind of insincerity in government and want such silly tricks done away with.

Our politicians, schooled in the ancient way, still think the trick of getting votes is to talk one way and act another.

**Travelogue Time**

It's the touring season again, and time for The Herald and News to start its annual series of travelogues on interesting motor trips available to people of the Klamath region.

First of the season's travelogues, covering the Southern Oregon loop, will be found on the first page of the second section today. It's illustrated with pictures taken on the trip itself—not stock shots. You'll enjoy it.

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**WEATHER**  
 Max. June 8: 46 Min. 24  
 Precipitation last 24 hours: 0.00  
 Stream year to date: 13.35  
 Last year: 10.82 Normal: 11.85  
 Forecast: Cloudy, showers.

# Valley Falls Sawmill Burns Down

## Modoc Lumber Company Wins Provisional Timber Cutting Contract On Seven Mile

Award of the Seven Mile timber cutting contract was provisionally made to Laurence Shaw, president of Modoc Lumber Company, when oral bids on the sale were heard Tuesday.

The successful bid was \$1,114,260 which is \$209,000 over the basic appraisal price and \$14,000 more than was bid by Ivan Kesterson for Klamath Basin Pine Mill, the only contestant.

The contract is provisional pending confirmation by the regional forester in Portland, Shaw's bid on the three main species was \$20.25 per thousand board feet.

There were no sealed bids received by Klamath district officers of the Rogue River national forest conducting the sale and bids were opened at 2 p. m. in the council chambers of the city hall.

Included in the sale of 80 million board feet of timber was Ponderosa pine, sugar pine, white pine, Shaata Red fir, Douglas fir and white fir. Basic appraisal prices on these species were \$15.55, per thousand board feet on the first three, \$5.70 on Shaata Red, \$8.25 on Douglas and \$5.70 on white fir, totaling \$903,580.

**5-Year Clause**

If 24 million board feet are cut by March 1, 1954, re-appraisal of the timber will be made and every two years thereafter. The contract calls for cutting in not less nor more than five years, unless an extension of time is granted by the regional forester.

Bids made by the two concerns were made on the first three species of timber only. The successful bid was for \$28.25 per thousand board feet on each of these.

William E. Bates, forester from the Medford office opened the bids at 2 p. m. as auctioneer in accordance with published advertisements. Kesterson started the bidding at the basic price which was raised by Shaw. Kesterson raised his bid which was raised again by Shaw until he reached the \$28.25 which was provisionally accepted.

**First Contract**

This will be Shaw's first contract with the U. S. forestry department. He said it was too soon to say when the company would start operations or whether bids for road construction would be invited.

An additional \$52,000 is affixed to the sale price for slash disposal and timber stand improvement, and a deposit of five per cent of the sale price is required when the bids are closed.

Due to the change in time since advertisements of the sale were published bidding was held open until 3 p. m.

Bob Leavenwood, timber sales officer for the Union Creek district, George Cleveland, timber sale officer for the Klamath district and Robert Cooper, Klamath district ranger, recorded the bids.

## May Succeed Benes \$75,000 Loss Sustained In Night Blaze



Zdenek Nejedly (above), minister of education, is being mentioned to succeed Eduard Benes, president of Czechoslovakia. Benes, his health broken by the recent communist coup, has resigned, giving the communists their last major office in Czechoslovakia. —NEA telephoto.

## Russia To Aid Some Nations

MOSCOW, June 9 (AP)—Russia is ready to increase economic aid to nations which have friendly relations with her, the Moscow press announced today.

Ivestia, the government newspaper, and Pravda, organ of the communist party, made the announcement in editorials hailing Moscow's reduction (by 50 per cent) of reparations due from Finland, Romania and Hungary as a far-reaching diplomatic move.

At the same time Ivestia denounced American aid as a mask for economic subjugation.

Moreover, Ivestia said Russia now is out to catch up with the United States in her per capita production, and thus hopes to surpass America because of her larger population.

## Regatta Queen To Be Chosen At Ball Here

One of the 10 pretty contestants for the honor of queen of the Jaycee boat regatta, will be crowned tonight, Wednesday, at the army when the coronation ball gets under way at 9 p. m.

Contestants are Trudy Bennett, Mary Lou Case, Lou Ann Chase, Dorotha Cordill, Patsy Kennett, Pat MacMillan, Dolores Rice, Nancy Shepherd, Mary Lou Stanberry and Beverly Young.

The queen is chosen through boat regatta button sales and the nine others will be members of her court during the events, June 10, 11, 12, 13.

Tonight's 30-minute program will be broadcast over KFTJ at 9:30 by Bill Wentworth who will turn the mike over to Jack Jaskiewicz, MC for the evening. The candidates will promenade the length of the dance floor to the stage and will be introduced by Jaskiewicz.

Crowning will be done by Fred Ehlers, Jaycee president. He will present the queen with roses from Kohls and there will be corsages for the others.

## Turks Down Government Of Hasan Saka

ANKARA, Turkey, June 9 (AP)—The government of Premier Hasan Saka collapsed today under harsh fire from critics of its domestic economic policies.

Foreign policy played no part in the disputes which led up to the Saka cabinet's unexpected resignation early this morning. Turkey is receiving American aid under the Truman doctrine, intended to protect Greece and Turkey from communist pressure.

President Ismet Inonu accepted the cabinet resignation but immediately asked Saka to form a new government.

The president instructed the cabinet to continue the administration of the nation until the new government is chosen. Informed quarters said the new government probably would not be completed before the end of the week.

Saka has been premier since last September, when the cabinet of Premier Recep Peker fell in a similar dispute. Saka had been foreign minister in the Peker government and as such helped set up the arrangements for the \$100,000,000 American aid program.

Shortages of staple foodstuffs, charges of irregularities in the export of grains and the failure of the government to adjust the weak economic structure of the nation combined to force today's cabinet upheaval.

## High Roads Still Blocked

LAKEVIEW, June 9 — Mountain roads to some favorite fishing spots are still closed or in bad condition, Supervisor Merle Lowden of the Fremont forest said today.

Travel is possible only to Finley corral on the Bly-Paisley road from the Bly side. There have been some good fishing catches reported on the south fork of the Sprague near the corral. Fallen trees block the road above that point.

High water in Thomas creek makes travel beyond the second crossing impossible on the Lakeview-Dairy creek road by way of Cottonwood. Dairy creek can be reached by going to Paisley and up the Chewaucum river.

The Dog lake road is open but rough.

The road to upper Deep creek is blocked, and that area can only be reached from the desert side.

## Blazing Sun In North Boosts Stream Levels

PORTLAND, Ore., June 9 (AP)—The Columbia and Fraser rivers cut deeper today into soggy dikes on the Pacific Northwest's far-flung flood front. The situation grew more critical by the hour.

A new breakthrough in the lower valley of the Columbia drowned Puget Island. Other earthen barriers along the swollen river's 100-mile stretch run from Portland to the Pacific were getting softer, saturated by 21 days of watery assault. U. S. army engineers called their condition "very critical."

Canadian navy forces stood by for evacuation of critical sectors along the Fraser where the river collides with high tides coming in from the sea. The danger was greatest in Lulu Island, Vedder canal and Pitt Meadows in British Columbia.

**Streams Rising**

And far upcountry—in the Canadian headwaters of both the Columbia and the Fraser—streams were on the rise. A blazing sun continued to melt the snowpack, increasing the runoff that already has made this the region's most disastrous flood season.

Here is the grim picture for Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and British Columbia.

Thirty dead. Vanport, war housing city near Portland, yielded two more bodies yesterday. This brought the total of known dead to four in the Memorial Day disaster which wiped out the city of 18,700.

Hundreds still missing. The Red Cross reported 390 persons unaccounted for since the flooding of Vanport. The number was decreasing, however. It was 715 Monday, 545 yesterday.

**60,000 Homeless**

Sixty thousand homeless. The number may be higher now due to break-throughs of the last few days. Nightly evacuation has been advised by Canadian authorities for 5000 residents of Queensborough, Lulu Island suburb of New Westminster, B. C.

Damage in the millions—and growing daily. Days ago, qualified sources put the total at perhaps \$140,000,000 but thousands of acres in Oregon, Washington and British Columbia have gone under since then. Floodwaters now cover about 650 square miles in the U. S. sector alone—more than half the area of Rhode Island.

Eleven thousand men are fighting the battle on the American dike front. Thousands more are working in British Columbia. These Columbia dikes already weakened by two flood crests until the third—now on the way—is past.

**Crest Due Saturday**

The third flood wave is rolling down the main valley of the Colum-

## HST Lashes Congress In Butte Talk

By ERNEST B. VACCARO  
**ABOARD TRUMAN TRAIN EN ROUTE TO SPOKANE, Wash., June 9 (AP)—**President Truman today challenged the republicans to keep congress in session until price control, housing and farm bills are passed.

He made a slashing attack on the republican congressional leadership, mentioning the opposition party for the first time since he left Washington last Thursday on a western tour. The attack came in an address at Butte, Mont., last night.

The president charged that congress under republican domination had wrecked price control, stymied the housing program, virtually abolished the labor department, tried to tear up the employment act of 1946, torn the budget apart, and practiced "economy in the reverse."

**Labor Weakened**

Congress weakened the labor department, Mr. Truman declared, after the republicans had said in (Continued on Page 3, Column 4)

## British Still Hopeful Over 4-Power Plan

LONDON, June 9 (AP)—Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin told the House of Commons today Britain still hopes to bring Russia into the four-power agreement on the future of Germany.

Bevin said Britain has approved recommendations for a federal government in Western Germany, western power occupation for an indefinite period, and international control of the industrial Ruhr valley.

The recommendations were put forward by a conference among the United States, Britain, France and the Benelux countries—Belgium, The Netherlands and Luxembourg. The recommendations were made public Monday.

A Moscow radio commentator charged today that the recommendations meant the west was converting Western Germany into "a permanent Anglo-American military base." In Berlin Russians and communists urged the Germans to resist the plan, saying "they're taking away the Ruhr."

Earlier, official British sources said they expected a three-power agreement soon opening the way for the United States, Britain and France to resume allocating war preparations to Russia from Western Germany.

## Band To Present Program Tonight

Tonight—Wednesday—at 7:30 sharp, the Klamath Union high school band in full uniform will present a dress rehearsal of the big show to be presented Friday night in Multnomah stadium, Portland, as part of the Rose Festival.

The program, featuring Victor Herbert tunes and with a trio of soloists, Cathrine Blass, Wilber Elliott and Gerald Fales, will be given on Modoc field. The drum ensemble will also take part.

A cordial invitation to the public has been issued by Andy Loney Jr., director.

## BOAT REGATTA SCHEDULE

1948 JAYCEE BOAT REGATTA  
 Wednesday, June 9  
 Coronation and Queen's Ball, armory, 9 p. m.  
 Thursday, Friday, Saturday, June 10, 11, 12  
 Boat show, Baisiger's showrooms, Sunday, June 13  
 Boat races, Upper Klamath lake, 1 to 3:30 p. m.

## Mercury Climbs To 86 Tuesday

Another overnight natural garden sprinkling and a seasonal high in temperature combined to make the weather news interesting in the last 24 hours here.

Tuesday's temperature climbed to 86, a high for the season.

As has been customary these afternoons, clouds blow up late in the day, and in the night .08 of an inch of rain fell. It was "all clear" again this morning.

# Timber Auction



OVER a million dollars worth of fine timber was at stake when these pictures were made at the Seven Mile show held Tuesday afternoon in the city council chambers. 1—Officials of the Rogue River national forest run the auction from the front desk. Left to right—Bob Cooper, district ranger; George Cleveland and Bob Leavenwood, timber sales officers; Bill Bates, assistant supervisor in charge of timber sale; 2—Klamath Basin Pine mills men confer on their bid, which came out second best in the auction. Left to right: M. A. Wyman, Ivan Kesterson (who did the bidding), H. J. O'Donnell and L. McLellan. 3—Bates chalks up bids on a blackboard. 4—Lawrence Shaw, Modoc Lumber company, caught in a thoughtful pose as the bidding goes over the million mark. He got the timber at \$1,114,260, and will mill it at his mill on Ewauna lake in Klamath Falls. At right in this picture is Hugh Campbell, Weyerhaeuser Timber company, which didn't bid.

